(a) Stocks are stored on wooden crates and covered with specifically fabricated low density black polythene covers which are water proof so as to protect the foodgrains from rains.

(b) Nylon ropes are provided for proper lashing the polythene covers to prevent damages by ballooning of covers during high velocity winds etc.

(c) Polythene covers, monofilament nets, cover taps etc. are procured in advance so that the stocks kept in CAP are protected from the vagaries of weather.

Even after taking these precautions, some damage to the foodgrain stocks are likely to occur due to long storage and the vagaries of weather such as cyclones, floods, unprecedented rains, multiple handlings, transportation by rail and road, bleeding of foodgrains, sweepings, spillages and likelihood of contamination. Such affected foodgrain stocks mostly in CAP storage are retrieved by segregations/ salvaging, drying and cleaning etc. These affected foodgrain stocks are disposed of as "not fit for human consumption" for various purposes like Food-I, Food-II and Food for Industrial use, manure etc. etc.

Decline in per capita availability of foodgrains

†1217. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in availability of per capita foodgrains during 2000-2001 in comparison to the previous years; and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains allotted to Rajasthan during 2000-2001 under "Annapurna Anna Yojana" and the number of people who have been given 10 kg. foodgrains per month free of cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The per capita availability of foodgrains during the year 2000 was more compared to the year 1998 and less compared to the year 1999.

A statement showing the per capita availability of foodgrains during the year 2000 and previous years is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) This information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Per capita net availability of Foodgrains in India

(as on 18.6.2001)

(Kgs. per year)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Other cereals	Cereals	Gram	Pulses	Food-grains	Average of 5 Years Plan
1995	80.3	63.0	23.7	167.0	5.4	13.8	180.0	—
1996	74.8	64.4	22.7	161.8	4.1	12.0	173.8	—
1997	78.5	65.7	26.7	170.9	4.5	13.6	184.5	176.5
1998	73.7	55.7	22.9	152.3	4.9	12.0	164.4	(1992-97)
1999	75.0	59.8	23.4	158.5	5.4	13.5	171.7	—
2000	75.1	58.4	21.9	155.5	4.0	11.7	167.2	—

Note: The net availability of foodgrains is estimated to be Gross Production (—) seed; feed and wastage (—) export (+) imports, (+) change in stocks.

The net availability of foodgrains divided by the population estimates for a particular year indicate per capita availability of foodgrains in terms of Kg. /year. Net availability thus worked out further divided by the number of days in a year i.e. 365 days gives us net availability of foodgrains in terms of grams/day.

Figures in respect of per capita net availability given above

are not strictly representative of actual level of consumption in the country especially as they do not take into account any change in stocks in possession of traders, producers and consumers.

Net imports from 1995 onwards are the total exports and imports (on Government as well as private accounts).

Foodgrains Supply to Arunachal Pradesh

1218. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the details of the quantity of foodgrains, edible oils and kerosene supplied to Arunachal Pradesh against its demands during each of the last five years and till date, item-wise, distict-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): The monthly allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) under TPDS to all States/UT has been fixed on the basis of TPDS guidelines and not on the basis of demand of any State/UT. The total allocation of rice and wheat made under PDS/TPDS to Arunachal Pradesh during last five years is as under:

(in '000 tonnes)

	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL
(April-March) 1996-97	109.20	7.20	116.40
(April, 97 to May, 97) 1997-1998	21.20	1.20	22.40
(June, 97 to March, 98) 1997-1998			

	RICE			WHEAT		
	BPL 6.940	APL+ ADDL. 79.720	TOTAL 86.660	BPL 0.670	APL+ ADDL. 5.240	TOTAL 5.910
(April-March) 1998-1999	8.400	100.800	109.200	0.840	6.360	7.200
	8.400	100.800	109.200	0.840	6.960	7.800
1999-2000	18.384	70.320	88.704	1.840	6.360	8.200
2000-2001	10.776	35.160	45.936	1.080	3.180	4.260*
2001-2002						

*(April to Sept., 2001)